

Walpole Cultural Council

Meeting Minutes for 06/03/2019

Time: start 7:00PM; end 8:30PM

Place: Walpole Public Library

Present: Mimi Connell, Chris Weylman, Mary McNamara Cullinane, Lynne Chiodo

Matters Discussed:

- Minutes of 4/22/2019 accepted
- Treasurer's Report
Chris updated the committee; nothing new to report; account balance acknowledged.
- Site ID's and Passwords
SurveyMonkey password reviewed. There is currently no active survey. CC does not have Instagram or Twitter accounts. Passwords were updated for Facebook and CC email. There was some discussion on the fact that the CC has two Facebook pages and how to streamline this. It was suggested that one council member, perhaps Kari, look at and post updates to the council's Facebook page. The committee is awaiting a new password from the MCC.
- Signal Panels
Chris (also a member on the Keep Walpole Beautiful committee) presented to the council the idea of improving the appearance of the electrical boxes around the center of town. There was a brief consideration to paint the boxes, but Chris checked with NStar on this, and the boxes cannot be painted. Therefore, the council discussed the option of wrapping the boxes with images, similar to the box wraps on the electrical boxes in Medfield, which are wrapped with prints from the Medfield Historical Society.
Chris pointed out that the boxes in Walpole may be traffic signal boxes and would, therefore, be under the domain of the police department. Mary will call the Walpole police department to check on this.
Chris informed the council members that the Keep Walpole Beautiful committee plants and maintains the planter boxes seen on Main St and in East Walpole near Jimmy's Restaurant. The council shared thoughts on the possibility of using these boxes after the summer plant season is over for seasonal themes, such as scarecrows at Halloween.
- List of Local Artists
There is not good movement on the production of a list of local artists, despite outreach within Walpole and in the surrounding communities, including Franklin, Foxboro and Norwood. There was some discussion on further on-line posting in addition to the council's Facebook page. Once suggestion is to post on Walpole Recommends.
- Next Steps as a council
Mimi suggested an email blast to all grantee recipients reminding them to submit their documents for reimbursement. This is an effort by the council to expediate check distribution once a program/performance has been completed.
- Open Forum
There was discussion of doing another presentation to the Board of Selectmen. Also, the council discussed putting the A-frames on the Common 9/1-9/15 and again 10/1-10/15, advertising that the council's grant application cycle is open. There was some discussion as to where the A-frames are stored, and Mimi will check with Beth on this.